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SUBJECT: SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN RELATIONS WITH GKR

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1. WE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL
NGUON CHHAY KRY THIS MORNING (OCTOBER 20) OF REMARKS
MADE BY SOVIET MFA DIVISION CHIEF NEMCHINA AND OF
DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT GKR NOT WITHDRAW ITS
PERSONNEL FROM MOSCOW. WE SUGGESTED THAT MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEND SOVIET EMBASSY A SECOND DIPLOMATIC
NOTE STATING THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE GKR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES
IN MOSCOW WOULD BE DELAYED AND THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD BE
INFORMED AT A LATER DATE OF HIS FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS.
(GKR NOW HAS CHARGE, WHOSE TOUR IS DUE TO END ON OCTOBER 31,
TWO ATTACHES AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN MOSCOW.
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PLANNED TO LEAVE ATTACHES

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AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AS CARETAKERS FOR EMBASSY
PROPERTY.) NGUON CHHAY KRY AGREED AND SAID HE WOULD
PASS THIS SUGGESTION ON TO THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO
HAS BEEN TIED UP IN POLITICAL MEETINGS TODAY.

2. NGUON CHHAY KRY SAID A PROBLEM HAS ARISEN IN ARRANGING THE DEPARTURE OF SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL FROM PHNOM PENH. IN ADDITION TO IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT, HE ASKED SOVIET EMBASSY TO PROVIDE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH THE NAMES OF DEPARTING PERSONNEL. THE SOVIET CHARGE BALKED AT THIS AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT MOSCOW. AFTER TWO ORAL REQUESTS FAILED TO ELICIT A LIST OF NAMES, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOW PREPARING A DIPLOMATIC NOTE STATING THAT THE GKR CANNOT ARRANGE CLEARANCE FOR THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT UNTIL THIS LIST IS OBTAINED IN FULFILLMENT OF ROUTINE IMMIGRATION AND POLICE PROCEDURES. NGUON CHHAY KRY POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE 15 PERSONNEL ON DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS AND 80 PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL PASSPORTS ASSIGNED TO ITS EMBASSY HERE.

3. NGUON CHHAY KRY HAS JUST CONTACTED US TO SAY THAT AT NOON TODAY THE EAST GERMAN CHARGE CALLED AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HIS EMBASSY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE SOVIET LEAD. THE EAST GERMAN STAFF IS TO DEPART ON NOVEMBER 7. THEY WILL LEAVE ONE PROPERTY CARETAKER HERE WHO, UNLIKE THE SOVIET CARETAKERS, POSSESSES A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.
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